

Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA

§51.1217

(ii) 2 percent for peaches which are affected by decay.

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APPLICATION OF TOLERANCES

§51.1215 Application of tolerances to individual packages.

(a) The contents of individual packages in the lot, based on sample inspection, are subject to the following limitations, provided the averages for the entire lot are within the tolerances specified for the grade:

(1) For packages which contain more than 10 pounds, and a tolerance of 10 percent or more is provided (as in the case of oversize, where a tolerance of 15 percent is provided), individual packages in any lot shall have not more than one and one-half times the tolerance specified. For packages which contain more than 10 pounds and a tolerance of less than 10 percent is provided, individual packages in any lot shall have not more than double the tolerance specified, except that at least one peach which is seriously damaged by insects or affected by decay may be permitted in any package.

(2) For packages which contain 10 pounds or less, individual packages in any lot are not restricted as to the percentage of defects: *Provided*, That not more than one peach which is seriously damaged by insects or affected by decay may be permitted in any package.

SIZE

§51.1216 Size requirements.

(a) The numerical count or a count-size based on equivalent tray pack size designations or the minimum diameter of the peaches packed in a closed container shall be indicated on the container.

(b) When the numerical count is not shown the minimum diameter shall be plainly stamped, stenciled, or otherwise marked on the container in terms of whole inches, whole and half inches, whole and quarter inches, or whole and eighth inches, as 2 inches minimum, 2¼ inches minimum, 1⅞ inches minimum, in accordance with the facts. The minimum and maximum diameters may

both be stated, as 1⅞ to 2 inches, or 2 to 2¼ inches, in accordance with the facts.

(c) "Diameter" means the greatest dimension measured at right angles to a line from stem to blossom end of the fruit.

(d) In order to allow for variations incident to proper sizing, not more than 10 percent, by count, of peaches in any lot may be below the specified minimum size and not more than 15 percent may be above any specified maximum size.

STANDARD PACK

§51.1217 Standard pack.

(a) Each package shall be packed so that the peaches in the shown face shall be reasonably representative in size, color and quality of the contents of the package.

(b) Peaches packed in U.S. Standard bushel baskets, or half-bushel baskets, shall be ring faced and tightly packed with sufficient bulge to prevent any appreciable movement of the peaches within the packages when lidded.

(c) Peaches packed in standard western boxes shall be reasonably uniform in size and arranged in the packages according to the approved and recognized methods. Each wrapped peach shall be fairly well enclosed by its individual wrapper. All packages shall be well filled and tightly packed but the contents shall not show excessive or unnecessary bruising because of over-filled packages. The number of peaches in the box shall not vary more than 4 from the number indicated on the box.

(d) Peaches packed in other type boxes such as wire-bound boxes and fiber-board boxes may be place packed, or jumble packed faced, and all packs shall be well filled.

(e) Peaches packed in boxes equipped with cell compartments or molded trays shall be of the proper size for the cells or the molds in which they are packed.

(f) Peaches placed in individual paper cups and packed in boxes shall be in cups of the proper size for the peaches.

(g) Peaches packed in loose or volume filled boxes shall be uniform in size and well filled.